

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOE BALYEAT**, on February 20, 2003 at 3:24 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)
Rep. George Golie, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Michael Lange, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Paul Clark (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)
Rep. Carol Gibson (D)
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)
Rep. Larry Jent (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Allen Rome (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)
Rep. Pat Wagman (R)
Rep. Sandy Weiss (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 516, 2/4/2003; HB 671,
2/17/2003; HB 649, 2/15/2003; HB
598, 2/12/2003; HB 652, 2/15/2003;
HB 633, 2/14/2003; HB 241,
1/7/2003

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 516

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:00 REP. DEVLIN, HD 3 -- Short Title: Harmonize FWP
enforcement with other law enforcement.

Proponents' Testimony:

04:00 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association,
Montana Fish and Game Association
11:00 Gilda Clancy, Montana Womens Shooting Association
11:00 Fred Easy, Prickly Pear Sportsmen Association

Opponents' Testimony:

12:00 Chris Smith, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
EXHIBIT(fih38a01)
15:00 Greg Munther, Montana Bowhunters Association
16:00 Mike McMeekin, Missoula County Sheriff
EXHIBIT(fih38a02)
EXHIBIT(fih38a03)
18:00 Mike Menahan, Lewis and Clark County Deputy County
Attorney
24:00 Susan Campbell Reneau
25:00 Gary Hohnquist, Ravalli County Fish and Wildlife
Association
26:00 Lee Anderson, Montana Game Warden Association
EXHIBIT(fih38a04)
27:00 Cynthia Kromm
EXHIBIT(fih38a05)
29:00 Benjamin Homan
29:00 Harold Holste, Ravalli County Fish and Wildlife
Association
31:00 A. J. Michmevich, R.C.P.A.
EXHIBIT(fih38a06)

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

32:00

Closing by Sponsor:

0:00

CHAIRMAN BALLYEAT combined the hearings for the bills below because they are related to one another.

HEARING ON HB 652 AND 241

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

40:00 **HB 652: REP. HEDGES, HD 97 -- Short Title:** MSU
 Extension Service to administer upland game bird
 enhancement program.
44:00 **HB 652: REP. SHOCKLEY, HD 61 -- Short Title:** Revise
 upland game bird enhancement laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

53:00 Ed Smith (Pro: HB 652)
EXHIBIT(fih38a07)
1:10:00 Fred Easy, Prickly Pear Sportsmen Association (Pro: HB
 652)
1:15:00 Mike Jensen, Sheridan County Chamber of Commerce,
 Pheasants Unlimited (Pro: HB 652)
1:17:00 Chris Smith, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
 (Pro: HB 241)
EXHIBIT(fih38a08)
EXHIBIT(fih38a09)
1:21:00 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society (Pro: HB 241)

Opponents' Testimony: (Against both bills unless otherwise
 noted)

1:22:00 Martin Lau (Opp: HB 652)
EXHIBIT(fih38a10)
1:27:00 Jack Puckett, Big Sky Upland Bird Association
EXHIBIT(fih38a11)
1:33:00 Ben Deelde, Northwest Wildlife Federation
EXHIBIT(fih38a12)
1:35:00 Robert Lucas, Big Sky Upland Bird Association
EXHIBIT(fih38a13)
EXHIBIT(fih38a14)
1:40:00 Susan Campbell Reneau
1:41:00 Craig Roberts, Central Montana Chapter of Pheasants
 Forever (Opp: HB 241)
EXHIBIT(fih38a15)
1:44:00 Ellis Misner, Windy Ridge Trap Club
1:45:00 John Gibson, Billings Rod and Gun Club
1:46:00 Stan Frasier, Helena Rod and Gun Club (Opp: HB 652)
1:47:00 Fred Easy, Prickly Pear Sportsmen Association (Opp: HB
 241)

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

1:48:00

EXHIBIT(fih38a16)

EXHIBIT(fih38a17)

Closing by Sponsor:

1:55:00 REP. HEDGES

2:00:00 REP. SHOCKLEY

5:28 p.m. Break

5:35 p.m. Resume

HEARING ON HB 633

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

2:11:00 REP. BRUEGGEMAN, HD 74 -- Short Title: Fix game animal seasons based on hunting district harvest quotas.

Proponents' Testimony:

2:13:00 John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers Association

2:17:00 Scott Kulbeck, Montana Farm Bureau

2:17:00 Beverly Fryer, Montana Cattlemen

Opponents' Testimony:

2:18:00 Chris Smith, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

EXHIBIT(fih38a18)

2:23:00 Greg Munther, Montana Bowhunters Association

2:26:00 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

2:27:00 Susan Campbell Reneau

2:28:00 John Gibson, Billings Rod and Gun Club

2:29:00 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society

2:30:00 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters and Anglers Club

2:31:00 Harold Holste, Ravalli County Fish and Wildlife Association

2:32:00 A.J. Michmovich, M.C.P.A.

Informational Testimony:

2:33:00 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

2:36:00

Closing by Sponsor:

2:52:00

HEARING ON HB 671

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

2:56:00 **REP. CLARK, HD 72 -- Short Title:** Protect fish and
wildlife in environmental permitting process

Proponents' Testimony:

3:05:00 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society
3:08:00 Greg Munther, Montana Bowhunters Association
3:11:00 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association of
Montana
3:11:00 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation
3:12:00 John Gibson, Billings Rod and Gun Club
3:14:00 Fred Easy, Prickly Pear Sportsmen Association
3:14:00 John Wilson, Trout Unlimited
3:17:00 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

Opponents' Testimony:

3:18:00 John Bloomquist
3:22:00 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association
3:26:00 Gail Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Association
3:28:00 Tom Figarelli, Forward Montana
3:29:00 Jim Mockler, Montana Coal Council
3:31:00 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

Informational Testimony:

3:32:00 Larry Peterman, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:33:00

Closing by Sponsor:

3:51:00

HEARING ON HB 649

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

3:54:00 **REP. CLARK, HD 72 -- Short Title:** Emergency stream flow
for fisheries

Proponents' Testimony:

3:57:00 Hal Harper
3:59:00 John Gibson, Billings Rod and Gun Club
4:00:00 George Ochenski
4:01:00 John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers Association
4:03:00 John Wilson, Trout Unlimited
4:03:00 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
4:04:00 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation
4:04:00 Jean Johnson, Montana Guides and Outfitters

4:04:00 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society

4:05:00 Larry Peterman, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:09:00

Closing by Sponsor:

4:11:00

EXHIBIT(fih38a19)

EXHIBIT(fih38a20)

HEARING ON HB 598

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

4:11:00 **REP. SALES, HD 27 -- Short Title:** Authorize paid
advertising in FWP annual published rules

EXHIBIT(fih38a21)

Proponents' Testimony:

4:14:00 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association of
Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

4:15:00 Greg Munther, Montana Bowhunters Association

Informational Testimony:

4:17:00 Chris Smith, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

EXHIBIT(fih38a22)

4:21:00 Marvin Eicholz, Department of Administration

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:23:00

Closing by Sponsor:

4:28:00

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 7:55 P.M.

REP. JOE BALYEAT, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (fih38aad)